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"Fall Follies" Tonite; Hop Is First Event For All Midwoodites

By DONALD WATERS

The first dance of the school term will be held tonight at 8:00 P.M. in the Midwood Girls' Gym. Entitled the "Fall Follies," it is one of the two dances scheduled for Midwood students this term. The Recreation Commission, under its newly-appointed commissioner, Fran Wiener, planned the dance.

Decorations for the gym will be in keeping with the fall season. Refreshments will be served, and the Midwood Dance Band, under the direction of Joe Guimmo, will provide music.

For those who have not purchased them in advance, tickets will be on sale at the door at $.75 and $1.00 for G.O. and non-G.O. members, respectively.

Concerning the dance, Ed Skloot, Midwood's Mayor, said, "All Midwood students are strongly encouraged to attend this dance. We would like to have as many present as possible to make this first social event of the term a success."

ARISTA, ARCHON HONOR 159

Arista and Archon, Midwood's honor societies, inducted their new members during the A.M. assembly program on October 29.

Arista, under the direction of Mr. Spieler, accepted eighty-two students. Mr. Kussin, the faculty advisor to Archon, reported the acceptance of ninety seven new pupils.

Last May, Arista elected Fred Gise and Susan Lorde as their boy and girl leaders. Herb Bernstein and Nancy Kleinman are secretary and treasurer.

This society recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement. To gain admission into Arista, each applicant must have a record of excellent character, attendance, and punctuality, in addition to an over-all average of ninety per cent for seniors and ninety-three per cent for juniors.

The leaders of Archon are Larry Rosenblum and Eva Ritter. This group gives recognition to those who have fifty service credits and a satisfactory record. "Many pupils literally give their all to become members of these fine societies. It is indeed important to be able to place these boys and girls where they may receive the honor they so richly deserve," asserted Mr. Spieler.

The assembly program on Oct. 29, began as the newly chosen inductees marched down the aisles to their seats. Fred Gise, Boy Leader of Arista, then opened the program by leading the salute to the flag, and the singing of the national anthem. After the Bible reading, Dr. Bernstein delivered a message to the students. This was followed by a traditional part of the ceremony, the lighting of the three candles, signifying scholarship, service, and character, by David Shaw, Janet Stein and Roger Fine. Fred Gise and Larry Rosenblum, Boy Leader of Archon, administered the oath to the new members. Following their induction, the students received their pins and certificates from Mr. Spieler and Mr. Kussin, faculty advisors of the honor societies.

Those juniors and seniors inducted into Arista include: Naomi Adelman, Ellen Aronoff, Arthur Asch, Ira Barnett, Mark Baskir, Sandy Beeber, Ellen Behrman, Paul Berman, Irwin Bernstein, Jan Breslow, Arthur Cohen, Arnold Cohen, Daniel Doscher, Ellen Eisenberg, Frances Eisenstein, Robert Elisofon, Marian Ephraim, Judy Epstein, Roger Fine, Bonnie Gallon, Maxine Gelfand, Elliot Gerson.

Joyce Gladstone, Stuart Goldstone, Stuart Goldberg, Amy Goldblatt, Michael Goldfarb, Caryl Goldstein, Robert Goren, Burton Haberman, Carolyn Hersh, David Himmelstein, Emily Hurwitz, Marsha Jacobs, Michael Jaffee, Cynthia Johnson, Armand Katz, Harriet Kaye, Harvey Kinon, Kenneth Klein, Miki Klein, Mike Klein, Elinor Kleinman, Gerald Lazar, Michael Lehv, Mary-

Boy and Girl Leaders of Archon: Larry Rosenblum and Eva Ritter

anne Leon.

Elinor Levine, Louis Levy, Jacob Lieberman, David Maslow, Joseph Mello, Marilyn Meyrow, Nadine Migdalek, Janice Moglen, James Newell, Rosalyn Novick, Judy Oppenheim, Alan Penkower, Anita Pomerance, Marcia Pomerance, Barry Potter, Alice Powsner, Robert Price, Steven Prufer, Barry Puritz, Eva Ritter, Joyce Rosen, Sherry Rosenberg.

Larry Rosenblum, Bruce Saypol, Howard Scheiderman, Carolyn Schreiber, Susan Seiman, Michael Selzer, David Shaw, Charlotte Siegel, Philip Singer, Edward Skloot, Robert Skloot, Diana Stern, Shirley Sturman, Helen Voetelink, Rochelle Wilner.

Archon accepted the following students; Ellen Bach, Mark Baskir, Lilly Baumgarten, Susan Bearman, Nancy Blatt, Stephen Bram, Alice Borsuk, Rita

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Profs Address Forum

By DAVID HIMMELSTEIN

Students attending the Social Studies Forum meeting of Friday, October 10, heard a group of four Midwood teachers discuss "The Goals of Modern Education." Mr. Block, Mr. Grebanier, Mr. Sayer, and Mr. Weissman took part in the symposium.

Mr. Grebanier, the first speaker, asserted that the goals of education should include the development of intelligence, creative curiosity, moral and esthetic sensitivity, fearlessness, which Mr. Grebanier defined as a rational courage, and physical, mental and

S.S. Forum President: Fred Gise

moral energy to achieve one's goals.

Mr. Block then advanced the opinion that the goals of American education should reflect the goals of American society. To achieve the goal of the self-sustaining individual, he said, individuals had to be made literate. He also pointed out the need for education to provide a "broad scope of experience" to allow freedom of choice, and development for the individual.

Mr. Sayer, in his talk, stressed the need for developing values to cling to in later life. He stated that learning should not be measured by one's success, but that the sheer "joy of learning" should be appreciated.

Concluding the program, Mr. Weissman, who explained he was speaking as "educator and physicist," insisted on the necessity for specialization in the modern age.

PLOT FUTURE ASSEMBLIES; HIRSCH HEADS COMMITTEE

In accordance with the tradition of Midwood assemblies, the student body is now viewing programs representing the many aspects of school activities. The Assembly Committee, headed by Mr. Hirsch, planned the performances for this term.

For the first time in Midwood, General Motors has made arrangements to entertain students with movies and demonstrations. This experimental program will be staged in the near future.

One assembly will be devoted to the installation of new members in Midwood's honor societies, Archon and Arista. The Music Department will perform in two other assemblies, one entitled "Musical Miniatures," and the other the annual Christmas Musicale. The Musical Talent show, a great success last year, will be duplicated this term.

An Election Assembly will give candidates running for office in the February semester an opportunity to present their platforms. At this time the audience will be permitted to directly question any speaker about his ideas or plans.

Because of crowded conditions during the morning session, each A.M. homeroom will see only four assemblies this term, while the P.M.ers will see six. Programs of special importance will be scheduled so that the entire student body has the opportunity to attend them.

The planning committee, headed by Mr. Hirsch, is composed of the chairmen of each department in Midwood, the entire faculty of the Music Department, Doctor Bernstein, and Miss Shore. An Assembly Commission that functioned as part of B-71 existed heretofore. Two terms ago, however, an evaluation was made of the commission's functions, and upon the recommendations of its commissioner Amy Abramson, the Board of Estimate voted to abolish this body.

Mr. Hirsch, who has headed the Assembly committee for several terms, said: "Whether or not there is a commission, members of the student government are always asked to attend meetings of the committee. No program is staged unless we feel it will be of interest to a majority of the audience."

The Installation, Pep Rally, and Gym Team Programs have already been staged. At the first program, newly-elected student leaders took their oath of office. The band, Cheerleaders, and Twirlers performed at the rally. In their presentation, Gym Team members demonstrated their skill by performing various stunts.

Report Card to Rate Citizenship in H. R.

By SUSAN ASHLEY

The Administration of Midwood High School issued and distributed a new report card at the end of the first marking period.

The Parent-Teachers Association and faculty felt that a change in the format of the report card was necessary to improve student attitude. Formerly, each teacher had a choice in filling out the side of the report card which dealt with school citizenship.

School citizenship includes self-control, cooperation, dependability, effort, service to the school, leadership, courtesy and personal habits. The code of marking will be "E"' for excellent, "S" for satisfactory, "N" for needs improvement, and "U" for unsatisfactory.

A further improvement over the old report card will be a chart noting the reason for failures. When a teacher gives a failing mark, the new format will require him to specify whether the reason for failure was "A", poor attendance, "C", inattention in class, "H", insufficient home study, or "T", see teacher.

City Roundup.... SING THEMES SELECTED

Preparation for the 1958 Sing is already underway. Each group has selected its theme and must develop it in order to compete eventually in the contest.

The Senior class has chosen "The College Board Training Course" as its topic and the Juniors have chosen "The Book". Third termers will base their theme on Japan while the Kensingtonians have selected the Calypso rave. The groups have been limited to three hundred participants each in order to maintain decorum and to function successfully.

Sing commissioners selected lyric committee members on their basis of ability to write. As Sing progresses, the commissioners will appoint costume committees. They will also announce the soloists and pianists after the scripts in the contest.

"We have been moving along at a steady pace with the full cooperation of all Sing members. I know from the enthusiastic attitude of all groups that Sing 1958 will be the best Midwood has ever witnessed," stated Judie Miller, sophomore Sing Commissioner.

This year Midwood will have the use of the Brooklyn Academy of Music in which to present its production.

As in the past, Midwood will issue Sing Booklets each night of the performance. These will sell at twenty-five cents per copy and will feature messages from each sing chairman. The booklet's main purpose is to add substantial contributions to the Scholarship Fund and to help finance the City of Midwood. It will also serve as a souvenir and program guide to the purchaser.

Sing Booklet Commissioner, Sandy Lipschitz, asserted, "I hope to make this one of the most successful Sing Booklets that has ever been published."

Eleven students have achieved semi-finalist rankings in the examination conducted by the National Merit Corporation last April. Dr. Bernstein announced the results of the competition on Friday, September 26.

Approximately six hundred Midwood students competed for scholarships in their junior year. The eleven winning students are Herb Bernstein, Adele Goodstein, Robert Goren, Lewis Jacobson, James Newell, Kenneth Porter, Joel Schiff, Bob Schwartz, David Schwartz, Abram Shulsky and Howard Welks.

The Merit Examination consisted of five parts: mathematics, vocabulary, English grammar, science comprehension, and social studies comprehension. The semi-finalists were those students with the eleven highest scores.

The final examinations for these semi-finalists are the December 6 College Boards. Those with the top scores in the entire U.S. will be considered for the awards.

Every year qualified students receive scholarships totaling several thousand dollars. Over one hundred and fifty business and philanthropic organizations donate the funds.

Midwood High School now has eleven clubs. Janet Katz, Club Commissioner, and Mr. Louis Cabat, Coordinator of Club Activities, have reorganized clubs that were formerly active, and have set up some new ones for the benefit of those students who are interested in extra-curricular activities.

For boys only, there is a bowling club which meets every day and is under the direction of Mr. Delaney.

Girls also have their own clubs. These are the basketball, bowling, and folk dancing clubs, under the guidance of Miss J. Levenson, Mrs. Gerber and Mrs. Wunder, respectively, of the girls' Health Education Department. All three meet on Wednesdays.

Midwood has two language groups, French and Hebrew Culture. Mrs. Laitin heads the French Club and Mr. Kostman is in charge of Hebrew Culture.

In the science field, there is the Chemistry Club. Its purpose is to further the interest of those with ability in this field. For those interested in furthering their work is biology, there is the Linnean Club. It is sponsored by Mr. Zahalsky.

Mr. Sirotkin directs the Radio Club, which works in affiliation with radio station, W.N.Y.E.

Students in the Westinghouse Club work to prepare themselves for the Westinghouse scholarship. They are supervised by Mr. Kesten.

Last, there is the Social Studies Forum. Along with its regular work this organization prepares lectures and procures guest speakers. Miss Gewant is the faculty advisor.

"These clubs were organized for you, the students of Midwood. It is for you to support them and keep them active," said Janet Katz, Club Commissioner.

The Midwood High School Community Center opened for the year on Monday, October 6. The sessions will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Boys' Gym at 7:00, under the direction of the Boys' Health Education Department.

Members are required to pay a one dollar membership fee and to bring medical notes before they are allowed to join the center.

At the center, members take part in intra-mural basketball tournaments. Ed Frauwirth, Community Center Commissioner, would like to "establish a basketball clinic if possible."

Besides playing basketball, Community Center members have the privilege of using the equipment in the gym.

Ed's plan also includes the inauguration of a Kensington Night in the center. "On this night, boys from Kensington may come to the center free," commented Ed.

Eastman Kodak Company has awarded Howard Tirschwell, photography editor for the Midwood Argus, honorable mention in its annual photography contest.

Five years ago, Howie's interest in photography arose as a result of watching others take pictures. Howie remarked that he looks upon photography as an art. "Special effects, such as shadows and contrast, are just as important on film as on canvas," he commented.

The contest took place during the '58 spring term. Howie sent about twenty proofs to the contest headquarters in Rochester, New York. The picture for which he received the honorable mention is not yet known.

The Kodak photo contest accepts the entries from January 1 through March 31. The judging of the photographs occurs in June. Scenes, school, animals, and people are the subject categories of the proofs. For judging purposes, the sponsors have further divided the competition into a senior division for seniors and juniors, and a junior division for sophomores and freshman.

Those people who wish to enter the contest for next year will compete for cash prizes. Anyone desiring additional information about the contest may obtain it by writing to Eastman Kodak Company, Kodak High School Photo Contest, Rochester 4, New York.

The New York Daily News awarded Myra Scherr, a Midwood junior, first prize in its weekly essay contest. Her picture and an interview with her, appeared in the New York Sunday News on October 26, 1958. The contest, which is sponsored by the 'News', is held in order to interest students.

Midwood High School has the honor of being one of the twenty high schools in this country to receive a prize from the Denim Council for its project to promote "Juvenile Decency."

The council, representing the nation's blue jean and blue denim industry, presented this school with a twenty-five dollar U.S. savings bond. The bond is an expression of the council's appreciation for the City of Midwood's campaign for decency.

Midwood's award winning project consisted of the following: the adoption of a war orphan by the senior class, volunteer work in hospitals, a clothing drive, welfare work, and the Scholarship Fund Drive.

This term Midwood is holding a series of career conferences in order to make the students aware of the courses available in various colleges.

The first conference took place on October 14. The subject under discussion was the biological field.

This was followed by a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at which Dr. M. Gross, from New York Community College, lectured on health services.

Planned for November 5 is a discussion on management. This will be given by Professor H. Nurenberg of Long Island University.

In the near future, there will be conferences on foreign languages and one dealing with the Bell Telephone, on December 10.

This term, representatives from C.C.-N.Y., Cornell, and Syracuse University will address three formal assemblies at Kensington. According to Mrs. Grant, head of the placement department, "We have scheduled these assemblies in order to better acquaint lower classmen with the college situation."

Additional information is available in room 317.

ARISTA, ARCHON

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Boxer, Rita Brickman, Larry Cherkis, Marian Demas, Hugh Eisen, Ellen Eisenberg, Phoebe Eisenberg, Frances Eisenstein, Carol Elisofon, Larry Fabricant, Juanita Fenichel, Robert Fortunato, William Fox, Bonnie Galton, Janice Goldberg.

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Kensington News . . . Annex Gets New Leaders, Chorus, Newspaper

The Midwood Choraliers, under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia Heller, made their term debut on Friday, September 26, at the Installation Assembly in Kensington.

The group, made up entirely of lower classmen, elected its officers early in September. Arthur Newberg will serve as president, while Howard Rubenstein will act as vice-president. Also assisting in administrative positions will be Ina Brown, Ellen Edelman, Myrna Garter, Lynne Malin, Lynne Saliven, Elaine Snyder, Richard Stone, and Rise Young.

The Kenwood, the annex newspaper, put out its first issue the week of October 13. The paper is a news and literary publication dealing with the activities in the annex.

Early this term, five editors were chosen to assist Mrs. Phillips, the faculty advisor. They are Majorie Cohen, Haile Gittleman, Judy Goodman, Sharon Nielson, and Beverly Pfeifer.

Mrs. Phillips explained that "although we have a completely new staff that must meet at different times, we hope to publish three issues this term."

At its first meeting, the Kensington Council elected Jane Koota, council president, and Jill Komar, council secretary. The officers, along with the council, will work in close cooperation with Mrs. Janet Schonbrun, student government faculty advisor at Kensington, and with City of Midwood officials, at the main building.

MHS Band Marches In Holiday Parade

The Midwood Marching Band, Boosters, Twirlers, and Cheerleaders participated in the annual Columbus Day parade on Sunday, October 12th.

Along with other New York schools, Midwood representatives marched up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 84th Street.

The group which sponsors the parade is comprised of people of Italian descent. They offer scholarships to all of the schools that participate in the parade and additional scholarships to the schools who present exceptionally good performances. Last year Midwood won three of these scholarships.

Graduating Class Elects Prexy Orlow, Fox, Block Serve as Aides

By ELLEN GOODY

The approximately one hundred and fifty students who will be graduated from Midwood in January went to the polls and elected Joyce Gladstone and Miriam Fox as president and vice-president of their class, respectively.

Joyce defeated Sandy Beeber and Simon Solinsky. Contenders for the office of senior veep included Linda Krutzel, Ronnie Frisch, and Joan Golden.

Helene Orlow will serve in the capacity of secretary of the senior class. Also vying for the position was Nadine Migdalek. Filling the post of treasurer of the January grads is Marianne Block. The other candidates for the latter office were Adele Goodstein, Rona Krulik, and Laura Stenik.

Senior Day for the January class will take place on November 17. The group, one of the smallest classes of January graduates in Midwood history, will conduct the traditional Senior Day activities.

A Senior breakfast will be held during the A.M. homeroom in the senior alcove.

All the January grads will wear Midwood's school colors, blue and white, to distinguish themselves as upper classmen. The grads will also play "teacher for a day," stepping into the places of various faculty members. As is the custom, Joyce Gladstone, will be Dr. Bernstein, vice-president, Miriam Fox, will take the place of Mr. Ginsberg; Helene Orlow will be Miss Shore and Marianne Block will substitute for Mr. Dank.

A senior hat contest is also on the agenda for the day's activities. "Midkids no doubt will recall the creativity demonstrated by seniors of previous classes in regard to the decoration of their senior beanies," commented Joyce Gladstone.

Seniors will not hold a senior show

January Class Officers: Joyce Gladstone, Miriam Fox, Helene Orlow, Marianne Block

or dance this year because of the limited number of graduates. The senior offices hope to be able to have a senior prom for their classmates. Plans for this affair are being worked out carefully, but may not materialize because of the paucity of funds resulting from the size of the January class. However, if they do hold a senior prom, it will take place sometime during the Christmas vacation.

Leading the class of January '59 at commencement exercises held in Midwood's auditorium, will be Joel Schiff, Barbara Kirschner, and Helene Orlow, first, second, and third ranking students, respectively.

Joyce Gladstone, senior president, declared that "although the senior class is small, we hope to make it a complete and fulfilling senior term." The other officers echoed her sentiments.

BOOK WEEK, NOV. 2

The Midway Library will observe National Book Week from November 2-8. The theme this year is "Explore With Books."

Our library is sponsoring a poster contest whose purpose is to publicize this annual event. This contest is open to all students; prizes will be given to the winners.

The library will also have a tea to which members of the faculty may bring and exhibit books pertaining to their various departments. Miss Schulslaper of the library staff, is in charge of the exhibits.

The purpose of Book Week is to have students become more interested in reading and, for those who already do a large amount or reading, to broaden their interests as to the type of books they select.

Dr. Bernstein again emphasized the importance of a wide background of reading necessary for college acceptance.

Among the wide variety of books that will be available to students is one called "In Search of Adam," which is a study of man's search for knowledge about his ancestors. There is a book entitled "Prehistoric Man and Primates," another book dealing with antique automobiles, a collection of short science fiction stories, a manual for the ceramicist, stories of diamond mining, and a group of novels among which is 'Stopover Tokyo' by John Marquand. There are also books available on coding and ciphering and a brand new illustrated edition on atomic energy.

The library, in addition to the wide selection of literature, has several vocational and clipping files as well as a wide selection of college catalogues.

SENIORS ADOPT SUZANNE

Again this term, the Midwood Senior class will aid in supporting a French war orphan. Suzanne Guiny has been adopted through the Save the Children Federation.

Suzanne is twelve years old and she lives with her mother and two brothers in the town of Guer, France. Her father passed away several years ago. Mrs. Guiny, who works for a printer, earns a low salary. Jean, one of Suzanne's brothers, is an apprentice to a printer. But he doesn't earn any money as such.

In order to support the Guiny family, a contribution of approximately ten cents per student is needed. This money will not provide the Guiny family with great luxuries, but it will enable them to have a few more essential items.

The plan for adopting an orphan originated with last term's graduates. The success of this project can be seen in the heart-warming letters received from Suzanne. She writes, "On the day of my Holy Communion, I prayed for you and thought of you . . . I thought of you, because you think of me and

Suzanne Guiny

are so kind to me . . . I often think of you and send my affectionate good wishes . . . "

There is a two-fold value in this plan of aiding Suzanne and her family. The first lies in helping a less fortunate family and the second, in the feeling of satisfaction the contributors derive from this project.

We Regret . . .

Several of Midwood's faculty have suffered losses in their families during the past month.

Mr. Purcell, an instructor in the history department, lost his son Robert, a boy of fifteen, during the last week of September.

Mrs. A. L. Scarpinato, a French teacher in Kensington, also was bereft of her young son, Joseph, on September 26.

Mrs. Mary Hyland, mother of one of Midwood's librarians, passed away on October 3.

Argus joins the whole school in extending its deepest sympathies to the bereaved.

Prize Spurs Parents As Drive Commences

By MARK BASKIR

To spur its annual membership drive, the Parents-Teachers Association of Midwood High School is offering a cash prize of twenty-five dollars to the grade with the largest percentage of members.

On Monday, October 20, seventh term students and their parents met with Mr. Cushman, Dr. Bernstein, Mr. Cohn and Miss Bradshaw, College Advisors, to discuss college acceptance and College Board scores.

"This year's goal," states Mr. Pincus Cashman, P.T.A. president, "is to get more P.T.A. members than the 2200 of last year. We are making a special appeal to the families of the new Midwood students." Mr. Cashman added, "As of now, the returns are fair, but not as good as expected."

The first P.T.A. Executive Board meeting took place on Tuesday, October 14, while the second one will occur on Tuesday, November 18. All parents are invited to sit in on these gatherings.

During Open School Week, visiting will take place the morning of Monday, November 10 and the evening of Thursday, November 13. At both times, the P.T.A. will hold a raffle to raise funds for the Midwood Scholarship memorial fund.

On Thursday, October 9, Dr. Bernstein continued a policy he began five years ago: a tea for parents of new students. On this occasion, Dr. Bernstein discussed the advantages of Midwood and its P.T.A. to the new pupil.

EDITORIAL . . . . . .

In Russia the educational system is entirely different from our own. The Russians stress education for the purpose of training the individual to serve the state. There, education is indistinguishable from propaganda. Proof of this is found in Alexander Korol's recently published book, "Soviet Education for Science and Technology":

"Its (Russia's) educational system is an instrument designed solely to serve Communistic party interests; and the Communist party dictatorship defines precisely what it wants of its educational system and what kind of skills it needs at any given time."

In the United States, on the other hand, we believe in education for the purpose of discovering the inner self. This is the very heart of the liberal educational philosophy. The theory is, that by learning "how-to-think," the individual will be able to evaluate the ideas of others and to form objective and unbiased opinions. That is good. Once the student can distinguish what is relevant and irrelevant, essential and inessential, his mind can rarely be dominated. Professional training, U.S. educators feel, can come later. Learning doesn't have to have a utilitarian end to show a profit, to have immediate results. Many learning experiences will make the student intellectually richer, since they tend to satisfy an instinct in all of us to find mental fulfillment.

It is true, however, our educational system can stand improvements. Gradually, these are coming about. Where once, Midwood lacked many math and scientific opportunities, for the "sputnik-era," it now has a special six major "core" program for gifted students. This group of carefully screened applicants have received programs with emphasis on scientific subjects, where either biology or chemistry may be taken for two periods a day. This has been hailed a success by its coordinator, Mr. Alexander Herskowitz.

Another improvement has been made, this time for especially talented students of Midwood. Often they found they were not getting enough from a subject—it offered little challenge to them. For this reason, college credit courses in language, math, and science were made available for seventh termers. Thus, Midwood is doing everything in its power to provide a liberal education for the gifted, as well as the average student.

In our opinion, it is this regard for the individual that places our system above Russia's.

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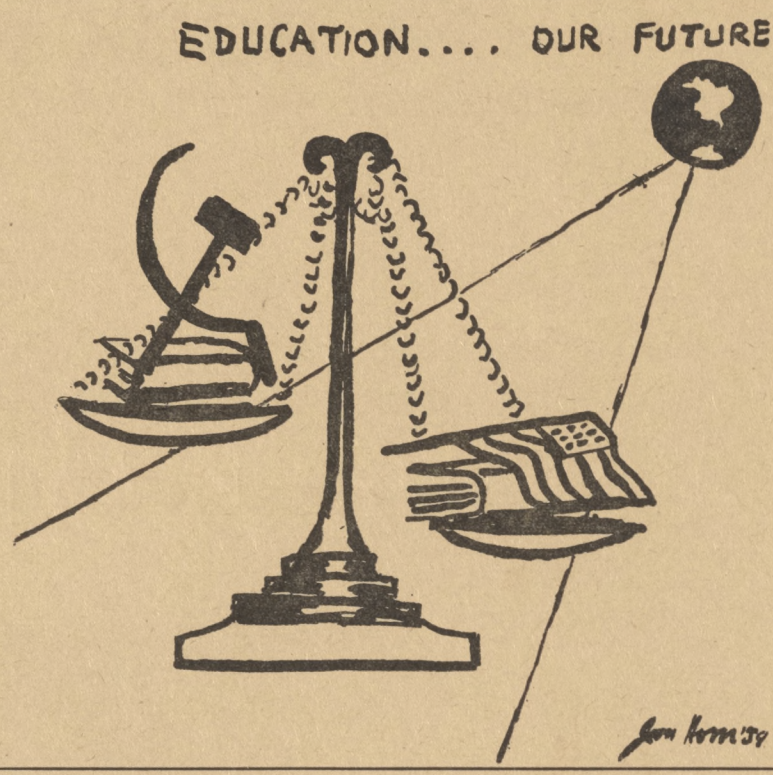

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Midwood Argus:

We of Byrd High School are exercising our right of freedom of the press in retaliating to your implications and comments on the bigotry and intolerance of the Southern people stated in an editorial in the October 3rd issue of the Argus.

Your gross generalizations amaze us. To us it is completely unreasonable and unfounded that any person or group of persons should take it upon themselves to judge without facts or understanding citizens of their own country and a situation with which they are entirely unfamiliar.

Although "deep hate and intolerance" may be the attitude of a misinformed few, we resent the suggestion that the South is still under the influence of the hold-my-magnolia-while-I-beat-my-slave era. The Negroes of the South are not ill-treated as you implied. Their schools, some of which are much newer and better equipped than the white schools, are financed almost entirely by the white tax-payers' money.

To say that there is segregation, ipso facto, there is no freedom of the press is a very base non sequitur. You may be assured that there is complete freedom of thought and press here in the South. Many people openly express their disagreement of the present Southern system, and contrary to your beliefs, these people are not tarred and feathered. Sincerely yours,

The Byrd High Life Staff

Ed. note: *We are delighted to learn that the Argus has readers in Shreveport, Louisiana. Last month's editorial was phrased so as not to accuse those who are not guilty. If you re-read the editorial you will note that we "wondered if perhaps there is freedom of press. . . ." You have told us what exists in your school. Would you say it was true of all Southern schools?*

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

The loss of instructional time this term, because of holidays, scholarship and special examinations, and painting of the building, poses a serious and difficult problem for all of us. The courses of study must remain relatively fixed and must be substantially completed; the mid-term and Regents examinations will challenge us to meet the standards of achievement of past years. We therefore face the individual and class problem of accomplishing in a very short term about as much as we would achieve in a term with a normal amount of class time. I know that our teachers will do everything possible to help you meet this situation successfully.

However, it must be obvious that this problem cannot be solved unless you, the students, cooperate fully. Specifically, what does this imply? First: It means that for the rest of this term we must have almost perfect attendance. You must not absent yourself from school unless for the most serious reasons. Second: It places upon each one of you the obligation of doing your classwork and homework with exceptional thoroughness and care. Third: The responsibility of planning to make up lost work and of completing longer assignments must be shared by you with your teachers. The latter cannot do it alone.

I ask you, therefore, to address yourselves most earnestly to the solution of the difficult problem which confronts us this term.

Sincerely yours,
J. L. Bernstein
Principal

Mayor's Desk

My Mayor's Desk for this month is, in a sense, a reprimand. The reason for it should be obvious.

In my search to better Midwood, one of my goals as Mayor, is to boost school spirit. An indication of my future job can be seen by our poor attendance and vigor at Midwood's athletic events.

There are almost five thousand students in Midwood, a wealth of potential spirit. But when I think of the Jefferson football game, I feel ashamed. Why are forty Boosters more spirited than a group of spectators twenty times their size?

It is our responsibility to support all school activities. I begin to dislike the person who, when asked to buy a football ticket, answers, "Why should I watch them lose?" Not only is the attitude reflected here unworthy of our school, but the implication it contains is completely false. We have some of the best teams in the city; but our teams are also supported by the fewest spectators.

At our remaining games, I should like to see more people with more pep. Our teams give their all for Midwood. Let's show them we appreciate their efforts.

Sincerely yours,
Ed Skloot

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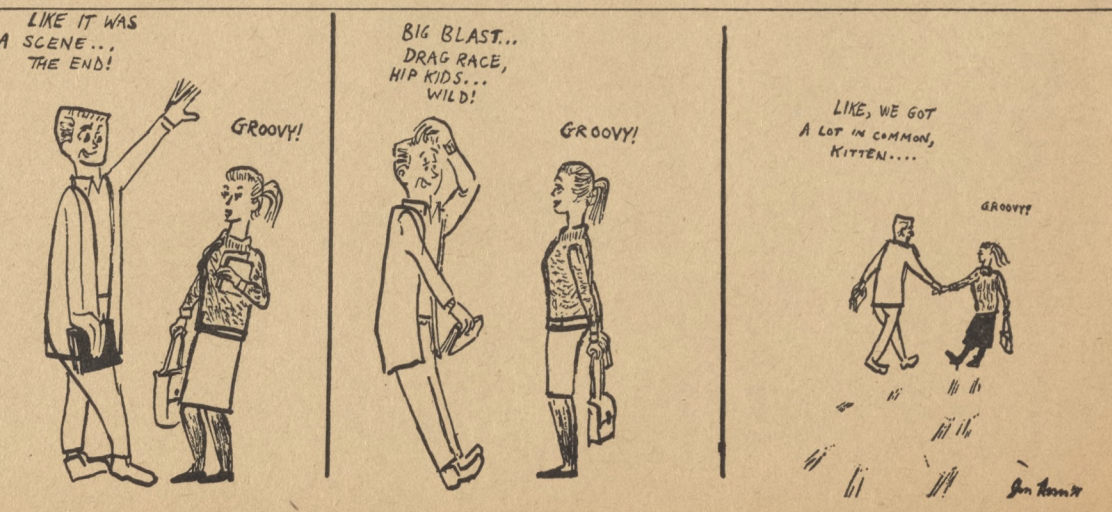

SPOTLIGHT

A rare and almost lost profession is that of the diplomat, who can speak to and understand people. Rarer still is a female diplomat. It would seem, though, that right here in Midwood we have a candidate for just such an unusual position. Her name? Carolann Sobers.

Carolann Sobers

Carol has held many important offices while in high school, all of them relating to her favorite activity: meeting people. She has been, among other things, a delegate to a special youth camp directed by the National Council of Christians and Jews, Midwood's "ambassador" to Lincoln High School (a good start for a future diplomat) and is presently President of the Brooklyn Borough Council.

Carol thinks that one of the most wonderful things about Midwood is its student government. She feels that it is a wonderful opportunity for anybody who wants to take a hand in helping to run the school. She herself was first interested while participating in the P. M. Council as a Home-Room Vice President.

"Knowing other kids and encountering new and different experiences", she asserts, "is most important to me".

Carol isn't exactly sure of where she is going, but she does have many goals and high hopes. After college, she would like to "see a little of the world."

But "a little", to a girl like Carol, ranges from the heart of Africa to the boulevards of Paris — including time out for a degree in law.

"Finally, I would like to settle down and get married. But I don't know," she adds quickly with a far away gleam in her eyes. "A routine existence doesn't appeal to me much."

It hasn't so far — and that's for sure.

Peter Melnick

Homebound Curriculum Enlarged; Pupils Receive Televised Lessons

Midwood has on its register eleven students who have never attended the school. They are physically handicapped pupils who receive instructions in their own homes from visiting teachers. Instructors are concerned with giving the students educational opportunities equal to those presented by the regular school system. To accomplish this, the students are required to listen to radio and television programs produced by the Board of Education.

Each student has his own set of teachers who visit his home twice each week. The pupils receive homework assignments, tests, and preparation for regents exams. The homebound program of education is very complete and offers the same subject opportunities given in high school. However, there are limited facilities, and many science courses cannot be taken.

Midwood's Welfare Commission seeks to remedy the lack of social contact by sending its members to the pupils' homes. These pupils are a part of Midwood. They join the G.O. and receive all school publications. Occasionally, some go to such school functions as Sing or the Spring Concert.

During their freshman year, the students are contacted by the Welfare Commission to find out if they would like members to visit and tell them about the school. The Commission "tries to get them to feel more a part of the school," in the words of the Welfare Commissioner, Nancy Kleinberg.

Home instruction teachers are employed by the Board of Education, and are not associated with any particular school. They must be able to teach many subjects. Midwood's "stay-at-home" pupils will get a high school diploma.

The physically handicapped of New York City publish a magazine entitled "Chatterbox" which every student receives. The material for the magazine is collected by the teachers who submit it to the editor. "Chatterbox" is published three times each term, and is a magazine of creative writing.

One of the stay-at-homes who we interviewed, Linda Rof, writes for "Chatterbox." Linda is a brave girl learning as much as she can despite her handicap. Her program leaves her little time yet she is a part of Midwood. In one of the previous concerts, she wrote the lyrics of a song. Linda attended Midwood to view the concert and also Sing. Her biggest wish is to be included in the June Epilog.

The teenagers who are given instruction at home receive as complete an education as we do here at Midwood. We admire their courage and perseverence in the continuation of their educational careers.

"YAKITTY YAK!" IT TALKS BACK

Alexander Graham Bell was a genius. Now, he is idolized by youth and despised by parents. As necessary as Ben Franklin's stove in the homes of today is a little square instrument, now available with adjustable bells and varicolored shells.

Today, this inanimate little fiend is one of the mainstays of a student's home and social life. Telephone conversations have been reduced to science. There are specific prerequisites, and a telephone etiquette that is held dear by every phone-age person.

The most important asset for carrying on successful conversations is one's position. Originality should be considered before comfort. Usually, deep, roomy chairs or open floor space, scattered with toss pillows, is the preferred field of action. The contortions an engrossed person can assume while talking on the phone are beyond the scope of human imagination.

Another popular accompaniment to conversation is the age-old pastime of eating. Apples and potato chips rank high on the "how not to be understood" list. Invariably, the result of eating and talking at once is the complete frustration of the person at the other end of the line. Be prepared to hold on while he readies himself to reciprocate. It might prove amusing to institute a High School Telephone Marathon. No statistics have ever been recorded, but girls and boys have been known to exhaust all topics, rehash them, and still refuse to relinquish their grip on the receiver.

Telephoning is an endless adventure. Calling total strangers at 3 o'clock in the morning can be a source of limitless pleasure. Listening in on an extension while an older sister confides in a friend, or chats with a beau, is a wonderful source of information for blackmail. Even better, the only requirement for telephoning is a mother who is willing to pay your phone bill.

Teens Dig Modern Art Museum

There are certain places in New York that seem to create an atmosphere and mood far removed from that of our city. The Museum of Modern Art is one of these sites. There is something about it that is so different and relaxing compared to the frenzied rush that overtakes people on the streets outside.

The Museum seems to draw visitors from all walks of life. As I entered one of the rooms, I saw a group of small boys standing before a collection of prisms, fascinated by the display of colored lights that they cast. Even though the boys couldn't have been more than eight years old, and possessed the dirty faces and rumpled clothing characteristic of their age, they seemed completely at home in the sophisticated surroundings. Nearby, a group of art students stood, smiling at the boys, probably seeing in them the future artists and creators of new ideas. As I moved closer to these students, I was able to listen to them interpreting the meanings of the modern paintings. This experience proved to be extremely valuable, since without them, I wouldn't have been able to understand a thing about the exhibits.

Perhaps, one of the most attractive aspects of the Museum is its outdoor garden. It is surrounded by a high bamboo fence; the walls of the building itself shut out the noises of the city completely. A number of pigeons find particular delight in bathing in the fountains and sunning themselves on the bronze statutes that are placed throughout the garden. One of these statues is of a woman, kneeling, with her hair dipping into the water of a pond. A small boy stood, completely fascinated by this figure and then tugged urgently at his mother's sleeve. "Doesn't she ever stop washing her hair, mummy?" he asked.

The great variety of art, displayed in the Museum, invites the visitor to return more than once. Its atmosphere is a welcome change from the city bustling outside its walls.

MEET YOUR TEACHER: Mr. Kantrowitz

If you see a good looking, cheerful, young teacher, walking along Midwood's corridors, chances are he's Mr. Lenny Kantrowitz, of the English department.

"Don't ask me why I picked English to teach," he complained the other day, "I get sick every time I see a new batch of composition papers to be marked. When I'm reincarnated, I think I'll be a Health Ed. teacher!"

Born in Manhattan but raised in Brooklyn, Mr. Kantrowitz went to New Utrecht High. "I was unable to pass the physical for Bay Ridge High, an all girls school," he said, "so I got stuck at Utrecht."

After graduation, Uncle Sam called him, so Mr. Kantrowitz and his army buddies found themselves in our recently admitted 49th state, Alaska. The first few days weren't so "elegant" since the temperature in Alaska is somewhat lower than that in Brooklyn and K.P. duty isn't the most exciting kind of work.

But things took a turn for the better

when Mr. Kantrowitz wangled his way into the job of official water purifier; that is, he had to watch the Army's water boil. "Then," he says, "I could sit next to the boiler all day reading, because no one knew how long the job took me." Reading, especially Faulkner, is one of Mr. Kantrowitz's hobbies.

Mr. Kantrowitz attended Brooklyn College where he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees.

After his stretch in the Army, he returned to his home town and got married. His family grew, and now he has two "bright, clever, beautiful daughters." One is four and the other just one year old. Both are boning up for their college boards right now.

Another of Mr. Kantrowitz's hobbies is playing ping pong. His burning ambition is to beat Mr. Paul Gendler, his colleague, at the game. Mr. Kantrowitz also plays "a wicked game of girl's volley ball." The teachers' team he plays on was beaten by Doxa and now it is thirsting for revenge.

Claudia Burnham

Midmoods....

SUE COHEN

"Test wise" is a phrase describing the student who has become hardened and all-knowing in the process of taking examinations. This superior individual has succeeded in thoroughly convincing himself that he is above everything, and can let such events as these roll off his shoulder to become things of the past immediately.

However, this is not true of the average Midkid. As college entrance draws near, he is confronted with a seemingly insurmountable deluge of exams, each one said to be more important than the next. Naturally, every parent urges his child to participate in all types of competition, while the unfortunate student sorrowfully informs his elders that he has no hope of ever winning. His mother and father attempt to instill in him the feeling of confidence. This parental project usually commences with a speech, the opening lines resembling, "You're a boy with a head on your shoulders. When you were way back in grade school your teachers told me . . . . . ."

And so the student finds himself preparing for the first "all-important" exam. His primary undertaking is registration in a coaching course. This is followed by the purchasing of books, vocabulary index cards, and old copies of the exam itself. He then locks himself in his bedroom and attempts to cram every conceivable piece of knowledge into his head. While in the company of his friends, he tries to create an impression of boredom when discussing the subject and denounces all who find it important.

Thus the days pass until the morning of the exam. As our Midkid steps out of bed, he experiences a hollow feeling in the pit of his stomach as the realization of what he is to undertake slowly comes upon him. His nervousness only increases when he enters the exam room: he finds release for this by keeping up a steady pace of conversation with his colleagues. He discovers two students looking up the first mayor of Clemson City, S.C., because one of them has been informed that the same question was posed on a 1925 exam. Two desks away he notices Rochelle, classified by all as a 'genius', calmly reading the latest novel about weather conditions in South Africa, as a form of amusement. He slides into the seat next to hers, wondering how it must feel to be so sure of one's self; the possibility of cheating pops into his head, but he immediately discards it upon finding the narrow eyes of the proctor glaring down at the guilty expression on his face.

Attention is called and the papers are distributed, each pupil accepting his as though it were a death warrant. At the gong, the test commences.

Everyone works smoothly for the first part. However, after a few hours of tackling long, involved questions, "our hero" finds his mind beginning to wander to distant places. He observes with disinterest those around him, some sitting quietly in deep concentration. One boy nervously chews his fingernails, others exhibit signs of sheer exasperation.

He imagines himself to be several months in the future, receiving national acclaim for his brilliant performance on the exam, or a few years later, as a well-known scientist receiving the Nobel Prize for a recently completed project.

Wondering how he has managed to get himself into such a mess, he returns to the business of answering the questions.

Much later, the test having terminated, an assemblage of bedraggled Midwoodites troop into the street. After comparing his answers with his friends (and discovering that most of them conflict) he starts for home, his mind finally freed from anxiety.

At his house, he is met with a deluge of pertinent questions such as "How did you do? Did you win? Was the test hard?"

Looking at his family, each member waiting eagerly for the 'verdict', he nonchalantly starts for his bedroom, stopping only long enough to reply, "The test? Oh, it was a snap!"

FOREIGN PUPILS SPEAK UP

Although many of us are unaware of it, Midwood has in its midst several students from foreign countries.

Andreani and Charles Sozomenu, ages seventeen and fifteen respectively, come from Cyprus, an island with a beautiful history. According to Greek mythology, the goddess Aphrodite, born in the foam of the sea, was carried on the crest of the waves to the Island of Cyprus, where she was worshipped in those times. Andreani pictures her country as "a land of green trees, rivers, and flowers, with small white houses spread out along the mountainside, and the shepherds, close by their sheep, singing the beautiful songs of their country."

Grace Molko and Claude Salem were born in Alexandria, Egypt, of European parentage. The Europeans in Alexandria lived in their own French-speaking community and attended a French school.

The Moslem community in Alexandria is divided into three classes, the extremely lower class, the lower class and the very wealthy. Their culture is very rich in poetry and literature. But the theme of the writings has recently changed from philosophy to nationalism and patriotism. The religion does not permit pictures or statues. The only decorations in the Mosque are verses from the Koran.

In 1956, when the Suez trouble started, the French school that Claude and Grace attended was nationalized by the Egyptian government. The pupils were required to listen to political speeches and to salute the Egyptian flag. Finally the French, English, and Jewish people were expelled from the country or advised to "get out."

Grace has travelled in Italy and Switzerland. She speaks French, Italian, Arabic, and English, and understands Hebrew and Spanish well. She is interested in math, and plans to study industrial chemistry or architecture.

Rita Wolf came here four years ago, from her birthplace Haifa, Israel. Driving through the streets of Brooklyn for the first time, she noticed a young boy dressed up in a suit, tie, and hat, a perfect little gentleman, and asked her mother if he was a midget. The boys in Israel do not get suits until they are eighteen. The girls do not wear stockings or make-up.

Israel has no public schools as yet. High school is too expensive for most people. At fourteen, children start attending the gadna, a pre-army school. At first, they go for a few days, then weeks, and finally months. They learn how to use a gun and to defend their country. At eighteen, they must serve in the army for two years. Afterwards they are kept in the reserve until they are forty. This applies to girls as well as boys.

The kibbutz, one of the most important instutitions in Israel, is a complete cooperative. The people have working hours and learning hours. In the evening, they have dancing, music and lectures.

Some Israelis feel that the whole country should be run like the kibbutz. "However," says Rita, "having enough to live on is not sufficient for most people. Only for those to whom Israel means very much can a strict social system suffice. The kibbutz is a very rough life."

An Israeli dish, comparable to the American pizza, is pita phalafel, an Arab dish made of dough filled with meat and vegetables and seasoned to taste.

Concerning the trouble Israel has been facing recently, Rita feels "Israel can be compared to a person needing air to breathe. Israel needs peace to survive. I don't understand how people can say she is interested in war. Israel will be satisfied if she is left alone to build up what she has."

Alumnews

Our congratulations are extended to Joan Scheff, member of the 1955 graduating class, who is engaged to Lewis Lispitz of Yale University. Joan received a Phi Beta Kappa Key in her junior year at Wellesley.

Ken Demay, formerly Ken Disosway, class of '49, has completed his courses of study at Pratt and Harvard. He is now teaching architecture at Pratt.

Carolyn Messing Starmen, graduate of 1956, is engaged to Lieutenant Mark Hessel of the United States Navy. Carolyn studied at Boston University for two years. She is now a junior at New York University.

A member of the class of 1955, Robert Freifeld, has been elected senior class president at Brooklyn College.

Shelly Levine, '55, was married last July. She is presently living in El Paso, Texas.

William Newiger, class of 1949, won the "Sara Levine Memorial Award" and an award for the president of the Advertising Club. He was studying business administration at Long Island University, at the time.

Steve Mirer, '58, son of one of our librarians, has just become a member of the sports staff on the "Renssalaer Polytechnic" at R.P.I. Steve is a former Argus reporter.

Cyrus Diamond, a 1951 graduate, recently passed his bar exam and is now working as a lawyer in New York.

Dr. Roger Farrand, a graduate of Midwood in 1943, is teaching English at Hobart College.

Abbe Kastenbaum, a June graduate in 1954, was married to Arthur David in August, 1958. Arthur is a graduate of City College. Abbe was graduated from Pratt.

The new sports editor of the "Renssalear Polytechnic" is Larry Garter, class of 1956. He was formerly a sports editor on Argus.

Myra Shapiro, was married to Warren Widmann, in June. She now lives in New Haven. Myra is teaching and Warren attends medical school.

Leonard Zaslow, Midwood '57, has just been accepted to the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity at Dartmouth University.

Warren Baumgarten, class of June '47, is presently working in Denmark. He has traveled in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium and all the Scandinavian countries. Warren has had three art exhibitions in Denmark. He returned to the U.S. as a guest lecturer at the International People's College.

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Swimmers Take Meet Victorious; by Default

The Midwood swimming team, determined to improve on last year's 2-10 record, won its first two meets of the current season, beating East New York by default and vanquishing Wingate, 45-25.

The Wingate meet consisted of eight events: five individual races, two relays, and a diving contest. In the first of three individual encounters, Steve Zimmerman came in first and Don Scannapiece third in the 50-yard event.

The 100-yard freestyle saw no Midwood winner, but Mike Wolfson and Ken Jonas took second and third, respectively. In the 200-yard freestyle, Captain Gary Nyman captured first place and Mike Smith placed third for the Mermen. The backstroke event placed one Midwood swimmer, Jay Melvyn, first in the race.

Dave Teichman and Ira Schwartz were first and third respectively in the breast stroke competition. Bob Schwartz was the only Midwood merman who placed in diving, coming in second in that event.

The medley relay was by far the closest event of the meet with Midwood winning by inches. Larry Blum on backstroke, co-captain Jeff Margolis on butterfly, Steve Weiss on breaststroke, and anchorman Dave Davis on freestyle performed excellently in triumph.

The 200-yard freestyle relay, however was a different story. With Ronny Rosen, Jonny Rosen, Roger Fine, and Bob Stewart each gaining substantially on their opponents, the mermen finished with a margin of over fifty yards.

When asked about the team's chances, veteran swimmer Mike Wolfson stated, "The old men have improved and we have talented newcomers. This year could be one of the best seasons the Midwood swimming team has ever had."

Matmen Rebuild; Fried to Coach

Our school's gym team is perhaps the most unsung team in the school. Because the P.S.A.L. does not recognize it, the task of booking meets is undertaken by the team's coach, Dave Fried.

The gym team has been very successful in past years. Last year it placed second in the inter-city championship meets in which sixteen teams participated. Among our competitors were Brooklyn Tech, Abraham Lincoln, Machine and Metal Trades, and Lafayette.

Whether the team will fare as well this year is yet to be seen. Every two or three years, some of the top men of the group are graduated and the team undergoes a period of rebuilding. Such is the case this year. New blood is urgently needed to replace the graduates. However, our prospects are good since much of the backbone of the team, including such members as Captain Vincent Mancini, Co-Captain Bernie Newman, Dave Cohn, Harry Chin, Mike Fexis, Xavier Marone, Mike Domico, Bobby Eadge, Art Estrin, Bobby Bross, Jimmy Mertau, Dave Spindel, Gus Foley, and Frank Vino, is still intact.

Coach Fried issued this appeal, "The team needs new members. Lower termers who are interested in joining may contact me, the captain, or the co-captain. Knowledge of the sport is not required; you can be taught whatever is necessary."

The team meets on Wednesdays during A.M. Homeroom and at the Midwood Evening Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7-10 P.M.

Runners Back; Place in Meet

The cross country track team, coached by Mr. Bernstein and captained by Mike Rich and Frank Bruton, started off its season successfully as they placed seventh out of 40 schools on Saturday, October 4.

The boys practice three times a week; Monday at Midwood Field and Tuesday and Thursday at Prospect Park.

The Varsity members include Mike Rich, Ken Holms, John McKenna, Mike Shaw, Frank Bruton, Bob Falk, Dan Duffy, and Ken Heyman. Incidentally, Ken Holms placed 24th out of more than 250 running in the first meet.

Each Saturday until November 8, there will be a meet at Van Cortlandt Park. The Junior Varsity will compete in a meet sponsored by William Cullen Bryant High School, on October 31.

Coach Bernstein stated, "If the boys continue to show keen interest in the sport and work hard I'm sure we'll have a successful season".

MID-FIVE CHOSEN

The Midwood basketball team, again headed by coach Dave Fried, is scouting for new material in preparation for its coming 1958-1959 season.

With the loss of Marty Erdheim and Marty Olanoff, who co-captained last year's squad, and two letter man, Burgess "Butch" Schuster, new slots have been opened in the line up.

Coach Fried expressed great hope for his junior veterans from last year especially Charie Lindenauer, Bruce Dribbon, and Elliot Gerson. Also returning from last year are Mike Cohen, Ted Fishkin, Bob Watt, and Steve Weil.

Four boys are moving up from Junior Varsity. Those chosen for the team are Peter Abbey, Phil Barnett, Jerry Feinstein and Roger Honig. Through tryouts, Richard McCurdle, Jack Kushnick, and Mitch Eisenberg also gained berths on the squad.

Hoping to better last year's mediocre 6-6 league record, Coach Fried states that "the success of this year's team will depend upon the spirit and cooperation of our three returning veterans, Lindenauer, Dribbon and Gerson. Utilizing their experiences and blending harmoniously with the newcomers, our team could very well win our divisional title.

The coach initiated a new policy whereby the team will be without a captain, at least until someone shows the team spirit and leadership ability necessary to gain the confidence and respect of the team members. To remedy this temporary situation, a captain will be appointed for each separate game.

There are fourteen men on the team this year, the same number, incidently, that comprised last year's squad. Practice is held every day in the Midwood gymnasium. On November 14, the team will play a non-league exhibition game against New Utrecht. The first league game is scheduled against Wingate on December 2.

The Junior Varsity, also under the direction of Dave Fried, is currently rebuilding. This team is exclusively for those boys in the first through fourth terms. The coach has tentatively picked five boys from Kensington and expects to pick five more from the main building for the team.

The team is scheduled to play eighteen games this season of which twelve are league games. The schools in our league are Wingate, Tilden, Westinghouse, Grady, Hamilton, and Erasmus.

Marc Lobell Captures Tennis Novice Crown; Clinches Varsity Spot

Marc Lobell copped the 1958 Midwood High School Tennis Invitation Tournament by defeating Billy Mogelescu in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3.

Marc, employing a strong net game in the first set, had little difficulty in overpowering his opponent. In the second set, Mogelescu put on a fine exhibition of backcourt stroking, but could not keep up with the aggressive tennis that Lobell displayed.

In the semi-final rounds, Lobell defeated Steve Rubin, while Mogelescu came out victorious over his opponent, Roy Meyers.

Marc Lobell

"The squad is shaping up to a worthy successor of last year's team, which won the Division Championship, the Brooklyn and Staten Island Championships, and were runners up to the Bronx High School of Science in the City Championship," the coach said.

Among the newcomers, the coach expects Lobell, Rapport, and Mogelescu to show a great deal of improvement.

This year the coach feels that there might be an expansion of matches. Instead of the customary four singles and one doubles match, he hopes there will be five singles and two doubles matches. "As a result this will give a chance for more of the team members to start," Mr. Eisenstadt concluded.

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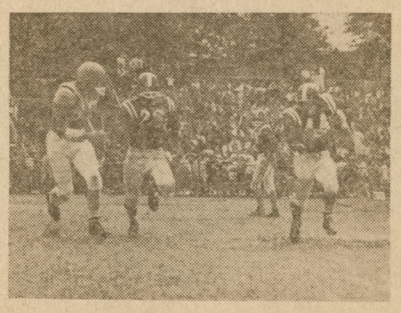
MIDWOOD BOWS TO JEFFERSON 16-0; REBOUNDS TO DEFEAT MADISON 14-6

In the opening game of the current gridiron season, Midwood's football team came out on the short end of a 16-0 score. The loss was to a strong Jefferson team.

The opening minutes of the game saw the ball change hands often, neither team being able to penetrate the opposing territory. Midwood's first opportunity came when halfback Artie Morris gained enough ground for a first down on the Jeff 30 yard line. However, a fumble and some fine Jefferson passing found the pigskin in Jeff hands on the Midwood 20 at the end of the first quarter.



Morris (44) of Midwood

The Jeff drive could not be stopped and ended in a touchdown early in the second quarter. After a successful conversion, the score read Jefferson 8, Midwood 0.

The second quarter saw no other scoring. Although Jeff continually had possession deep in Midwood territory the half time score still remained, 8 to 0.

Midwood's drive began early in the second half when Morris gained a first down on the Blue and White 40 yard line. A penalty set the Mid-eleven back 15 yards. The picture brightened when fullback Mike Vulpis snared a Tom Seccia pass on the 48 yard line. But the advance was stopped cold on the 20.

At the start of the final period, Jeff had the ball with a first down on the Middie 5. On the fourth down, Jefferson finally cracked through to score The conversion was good and the game ended with a 16 to 0 victory for Jefferson.

Jeff's running coupled with what seemed to be a poor Midwood defense spelled the Midwood defeat. Jeff's offensive attack consisted of various running plays which baffled the Blue and White squad, but were used by Midwood to their own advantage in defeating Madison the following week.

Midwood scored immediately in the first quarter, returning the kickoff past midfield. Halfback Marty Halleran then gained a first down. With about 9 yards to go, the fleet-footed Morris took off and gave Midwood its first six points of the afternoon.

There was no further scoring in the second and third quarters. When the fourth quarter began Madison had possession of the ball on the Middie 5. The Madison team ran into a brick wall three times and could make no gain. But on their last attempt, in a do or die situation, they managed to score a touchdown. What appeared to be the game's most important defensive move up to that point, followed. Madison was not able to go through the Blue and White line for the extra points. And it appeared to all that the game would end in a deadlock.

Midwood returned the kick to the Blue and White 40 yard line, and on the next play gained a first down. Quarterback Tom Seccia let loose a 20 yard pass which Artie Morris caught up with on the 40 yard line. Only one Madison runner could get near Artie but the speedy halfback eluded him and scored the winning touchdown for the Blue and White. On the conversion attempt, Artie caught another Seccia pass and the score read Midwood 14 Madison 6, and that's the way it ended.

Mike Huss

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HOWIE BLAU

You're a team manager and you get insulted when you're called a waterboy. The athlete gets all the accolades, but the coach says you're an instrumental part of every Midwood victory.

You know you can never play on a Midwood varsity, but you wear your team jacket as proudly as does any veteran or rookie on the squad.

You've never had a real moment of glory, such as catching the winning touchdown pass or sinking a foul shot in overtime to conquer an opponent, but you experience a certain warmth and a satisfied feeling every time your team comes through with a win.

You remember when you were a kid and a pretty good athlete among the seven-year olds. You envisioned yourself a professional ball player as do most kids your age. You lived with this hope until you went into high school, and that is probably what made you try out for the team. But, maturity was playing tricks with you, and it seemed that when you were fifteen, you weren't any better of a ballplayer than when you were less than half that age.

So, the coach had to break the news to you that you just didn't have it. But, you always seemed to be hanging around the locker room before and after each game, helping the fellows on and off with their equipment. So, the coach asked you if you would like to be assistant manager.

You said you'd think it over, although in the back of your mind, you knew you'd say yes, because this was the means to an end. This was a disappointment that you knew you had to get over quickly, so you thought you'd do the next best thing. The following day, you told the coach that you would accept his offer.

So you went to work with the squad, not in the same capacity as you had originally expected, but nevertheless, you were a member of the team. It was a little tough at the beginning, but after a while you swallowed your pride and did such a good job pepping up the boys with a good joke during a time-out that after a term or so, you were promoted to the post of head manager.

You asked yourself whether everything had turned out for the better, after all. Now, you were at the head of your class; you were King of the water toters. Was this better than making the team, and spending two or three seasons on the bench, occasionally getting into a game when the contest was sewed up or completely lost?

You also ask yourself what satisfaction you get from giving someone a hand putting on his equipment or doling out oranges to the team. You have no answer, but there is a driving force that keeps you on your job.

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Booters Prevail, DutchmenBeaten Lose to East N. Y.

In an excellent start, the Midwood High School soccer team has rolled up three victories, a defeat, and a tie in its first five games.

The season's opener saw Midwood defeat Erasmus 4-3 at Midwood Field. The Dutchmen outplayed the Blue and White in the initial portion of the match and held a 3-0 lead at the half. Then the Midmen staged a remarkable comeback with Arnie Cohen, Artie Amman, Bob Kent, and Steve Bergman all scoring goals in the last half to put Midwood in the lead by one tally. The defense played superbly and held Erasmus scoreless for the remaining portion of the match, thereby enabling the Glenwood Roaders to win their first game.

In their second encounter the Midwood booters edged out Bushwick, 1-0. The game was marked by excellent defensive play on the part of both teams. Arnie Cohen booted the deciding tally through the goal posts while the Midwood defense, led by Artie Amman, held Bushwick in check throughout the match.

The next game resulted in a 1-1 tie against Brooklyn Auto. Midwood played without the services of defensive standout, Artie Amman. The game ended in a tie when neither team was able to break the deadlock in the two five-minute overtimes.

The Midmen split their next two encounters, defeating Madison 2-0 and losing to East New York 3-2. In the Madison game, the Blue and White scored early in the encounter with both of its goals occurring in the second period. After this quick start, the boys found themselves unable to score for the remainder of the match. However, the Midwood defense blanked Madison for the entire game.

On October 10, Midwood dropped its first decision of the year by losing to East New York at the latter's field. The Glenwood Roaders trailed throughout the game and found themselves unable to muster up a sufficient attack to overcome East New York's lead.

Captain Bob Kent stated:, "The team has exhibited much drive and spirit and the players have expressed the opinion that they think this team can win its division title.

Sportlight

Gary Nyman, is a living example of the old adage, "practice makes perfect". Gary, dedicated to his position as captain of the swimming team, works out three hours a day, six days a week, and in so doing, swims close to three miles each time. "If I don't swim, I don't feel well. Swimming is a habit with me, much like eating breakfast or supper."

However, this wasn't always so with Midwood's star swimmer. As a freshman, he hadn't the slightest idea of becoming a swimmer. Former Coach Goldstein started Gary on his career by telling him: "It is possible for anyone who starts early in high school to become a city champion." Nyman promises, "I hope to prove that statement this year."

In school, Gary maintains a ninety average, with social studies and math ranking as his favorite subjects. He was president of his class in the fifth

Gary Nyman

term and previously was P.M. Council President. He has been a homeroom president three times and was recently elected head of the A.M. Council.

Gary's well developed five foot ten and a half inch 165 pound frame is well suited for judo wrestling, an art in which he has become proficient.

Gary's plans for the future are based upon his admission to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, to which he has already applied.

Our star swimmer's most thrilling experience occurred in a race at Lincoln last year when he set a new Midwood record for the hundred yard freestyle. He was clocked at a speedy 59.4 seconds. Gary also holds the Middie record for the fifty, 26.1, and the two hundred, 2:24.

An experience which he would like to forget occurred at Tilden last season. Entering the last lap of a "neck and neck" hundred yarder, he executed a perfect flip turn. However, he caught his foot in the ledge that serves as a drain, and completely surrounds the pool. He finished a strong, but disappointed second.

Midwood's "aquabat" works as a cook (hamburgers are his specialty) on Sundays. He was eligible to be a city lifeguard at the beaches this year, but an untimely appendicitis operation last spring ruled this out. But Gary is in perfect shape for the season and states, "We have a terrific new coach in the person of Mr. Solomon and a team of experienced boys, and new boys who want to work. This should be our big year." Gary would personally like to break and set some new Midwood records. This should be his big year, too.

Roger Fine